Delay in completion of Kanupur Irrigation Project in Orissa

154. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the completion of on-going Kanupur Irrigation Project in Orissa;

(b) the revised estimated cost of the project and the amount sanctioned for the project so far; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Due to change in scope of the project and subsequent rise in cost estimate, the Planning Commission has not given investment clearance to the Kanupur Irrigation Project in Orissa. The State Government is required to submit updated proposal to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

National Water-shed Development Project

155. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Water-shed Development Project for rainfed area has not made enough progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what progress has been made in term of financial utilization and achievements made since 1995-96 till date, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The physical target fixed for VIII th Plan period has not only been achieved but also exceeded. A statement indicating physical achievement in area amount released and expenditure incurred etc. is enclosed as Anncxure *(See Appendix 181, Anncxure So. 4).*

(c) A statement is enclosed as Annexure. [See *Appendix 181, Annexure No. 5].*

उपसभापति : बैठिए, बैठिएाक्वेश्चन आवर में नहीं कुछ करिए ...(**व्यवधान**)... I adjourn the House for the day.

The House then adjourned at seventeen minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the 24th July, 1997.